

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. The presently pending claims are claims 11, 14-17 and 21-22. Claims 11 and 21 have been amended. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to an informality in claim 21. In response, claim 21 has been amended to correct the informality. Therefore, the withdrawal of the objection and the allowance of claim 21 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 11-17, 21, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In response, claims 11 and 21 have been amended to avoid positively claiming the environments. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled. Therefore, the withdrawal of the objection and the allowance of claims 11, 14-17, 21 and 22 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 11, 12, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernart in view of Sullivan. The Examiner stated claims 13 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph rejection and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 13 and intervening claim 12. Claims 14-16 depend from amended claim 11. Claim 12 has been canceled. Therefore, the allowance of claims 11 and 14-16 is respectfully requested.

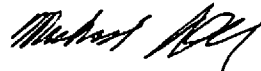
The Examiner stated claims 21 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph rejection. In response, the Applicant has amended claim 21 to over the rejection. Therefore, the allowance of claims 21 and 22 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner stated claims 13 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph rejection and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 13 and intervening claim 12. Claim 17 depends from amended claim 11. Therefore, the allowance of claims 13 and 17 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claims 11, 14-17 and 21-22.

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